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*Whereas, On January 26, 2007 John Fair suffered sudden cardiac arrest while coaching a girls' basketball game at Speedway High School;*

*Whereas, Due to the forethought of then Speedway Superintendent Andy Wagner and Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Hull, an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED), a device that can restore a normal heartbeat in an individual who has experienced sudden cardiac arrest, had been installed at Speedway High School;*

*Whereas, John Fair, a husband and father of two, was resuscitated by an athletic trainer and two off duty firefighters. One of the firefighters credits the immediate use of the AED for saving Mr. Fair's life saying CPR alone would not have been sufficient;*

*Whereas, National initiatives are building momentum to further AED education and awareness. The American Red*



*Cross, a well respected organization with a strong public safety reputation, recognizes the important life saving benefits of AEDs on school property and promotes installation of AEDs in high schools through its High School AED project;*

*Whereas, Congress, understanding the importance of being prepared in an emergency and recognizing that every second is important to saving lives, has named the first week of June each year as CPR/AED Awareness week;*

*Whereas, To educate the public and encourage further use of AEDs the American Heart Association has published an AED Implementation guide which details the four steps to implement a successful and efficient AED program;*

*Whereas, Specifically targeted at schools, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association has recently published a booklet titled "Saving Lives in Schools and Sports" to encourage school and athletic league administrators to install AEDs and develop sudden cardiac arrest emergency plans; and*

*Whereas, By strongly encouraging Indiana schools to consider the benefits of AEDs the potential for saving lives of individuals suffering sudden cardiac arrest would dramatically increase: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes John
- 2 Fair as a cardiac arrest survivor. His experience has brought to light
- 3 the importance of AED access.
- 4           SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly strongly
- 5 encourages all Indiana schools to consider the benefits of Automatic
- 6 Electronic Defibrillators.



1           SECTION 3. That further information on the benefits of AEDs can  
2   be found at the American Heart Association website -  
3   [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) and the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association  
4   website - [www.suddencardiacarrest.org](http://www.suddencardiacarrest.org).

5           SECTION 4. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
6   transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana State Teachers  
7   Association, the Indiana Association of High School Principals, the  
8   Indiana School Board Association, the Indiana Association of Public  
9   School Superintendents, the Indiana Red Cross, Andy Wagner, Former  
10   Superintendent of Speedway Schools, Kenneth Hull, current  
11   Superintendent of Speedway Schools, Mr. John Fair and his family, and  
12   his parents Devere and Jane Fair.

